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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OTRA (SMITH, R.D.)

SUBJECT: VISIT OF VFW COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

1. VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS HAS NOTIFIED DEPARTMENT THAT COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF R.D. "BULLDOG" SMITH WILL VISIT EUROPE ON OFFICIAL VFW BUSINESS DECEMBER 12 TO 28. HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY MRS. SMITH, VFW INSPECTOR GENERAL C. HENRY HARDMAN, AND MRS. HARDMAN.

2. VFW REQUESTS POSTS ARRANGE APPROPRIATE COURTESY CALLS AND PROVIDE SHORT BRIEFINGS. DOD HAS SENT SEPARATE MESSAGE ON MILITARY ACTIVITIES AND BRIEFINGS. EXCEPT FOR TOUR OF BERLIN WALL, PARTY'S COMPACT SCHEDULE WILL NOT ALLOW TIME FOR OTHER ACTIVITIES.

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3. SMITH WAS ELECTED VFW COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF AT NATIONAL CONVENTION IN NEW YORK IN AUGUST, 1976. HE IS 49, WAS BORN IN GEORGIA, AND NOW RESIDES IN ATLANTA WHERE HE IS ASSISTANT VETERANS EMPLOYMENT REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE US DEPARTMENT OF LABOR IN GEORGIA. HE SERVED IN AIR FORCE IN WORLD WAR II IN PACIFIC.

MEMBER OF VFW SINCE 1947 AND HAS SERVED VFW IN VARIOUS CAPACITIES ON LOCAL, STATE, AND NATIONAL LEVELS.

4. ITINERARY:

DEC. 12 ARRIVE LONDON 0740 TW 700 (CHURCHILL HOTEL)

DEC. 15 DEPART LONDON 0835 SABENA 604

DEC. 15 ARRIVE BRUSSELS 1030 (HILTON HOTEL)

DEC. 17 DEPART BRUSSELS 0735 SABENA 721/PA 684

DEC. 17 ARRIVE BERLIN 1015 (KEMPINSKI HOTEL)

DEC. 19 DEPART BERLIN 1900 PA 707

DEC. 19 ARRIVE GENEVA 2200 (LE RICHEMOND HOTEL)

DEC. 21 DEPART GENEVA 1815 SWISSAIR 612

DEC. 21 ARRIVE ROME 1935 (EXCELSIOR HOTEL)

DEC. 24 DEPART ROME 1510 AF 635

DEC. 24 ARRIVE PARIS/CDG 1715 (INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL)

DEC. 28 DEPART PARIS/CDG 1200 TW 803

5. FOR PARIS - VFW CONTACT IS LEON TURROU, 21 RUE LESUEUR, 75116 PARIS. TELEPHONE 553.15.59. ROBINSON

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